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No Branch State Banks.

In deciding the question of whether or not a State bank can establish a branch without incorporating it, the Court of Appeals fully sustained the position taken by Ben L. Bruner, Secretary of State, who held that the State banks must incorporate anew for each branch established.

In the case of Bruner against the Citizens' Bank of Shelbyville, The Citizens' Bank established a branch at Waddy, a branch of the Citizens' Bank of Shelbyville. Dr. Bruner ordered the Shelbyville bank either to discontinue its branch at Waddy or incorporate it separately from the parent bank. The bank declined to do this and a suit was filed to make a test of the point.

A New Water Company.

Lexington may have a new water company to compete with the old company, the proposed twenty-five-year contract with which is now the chief subject of discussion by the city government and the public at large.

A well-known engineer from Cincinnati, representing Eastern capitalists, has investigated the advisability of making application for a franchise. He has made a favorable report to the capitalists and they are expected to arrive next week and take definite action toward securing the franchise. It is said that these capitalists are willing to invest \$1,500,000 in the enterprise, and are anxious to enter the field.

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Chinese Official Invited to Commit Suicide.

At Peking a report is current that five court officials are now on their way to Honan carrying the imperial yellow cord, signifying the throne's order that Yuan Shih Kai shall commit suicide.

The report is accompanied by circumstantial details to the effect that the officials are to watch Yuan Shih Kai day and night, giving him two months in which to carry out the order.

Reward For Services.

Because of the service he gave the Commonwealth in suppressing the night riders around Birmingham, Otis Blick on Wednesday received a pardon from Gov. Willson. Blick was charged with flourishing a deadly weapon in a public place. He was one of those who testified against the night riders and Gov. Willson says in granting the pardon that Blick was of great service to the State. It was charged that the night riders were behind the prosecution of Blick, who has not yet been tried, and that he actually did not flourish the weapon, only displaying it so as to intimidate a band of night riders.

Gov. Willson also granted a pardon before trial to Charles Bennett, under indictment in Crittenden county on a charge of carrying concealed deadly weapons. This was another case that was an outcome of the night rider raids. Bennett is a son of Henry Bennett, who was whipped in a raid at Dycusburg. Gov. Willson says there was excuse for Bennett carrying a revolver in the troublous times which existed in Crittenden county at the time that the offense was alleged to have been committed.

Rev. J. W. Porter, of Lexington, pastor of the First Baptist Church was elected editor of the Western Recorder, the oldest denominational publication in the South.

GOLD-RIMMED GLASSES BARRED.

Quote the Bible Against Them--
The Question of Gold-Filled Teeth--Quaint Characteristics of a Little Known Sect.

New York Sun.

Through an official act of the Church of the Brethren in Pennsylvania members of the sect who wear gold-rimmed spectacles and eyeglasses are virtually called heretics.

The Brethren, or Dunkers, have always been opposed to all forms of display. In the rural districts the members adhere faithfully to the old time regulations.

Those who have come to the cities and established churches there have discontinued many of these customs. The men wear neckties and watch chains, which the older rural members regarded as abominations. The city churches have organs and stained glass windows, which are not tolerated in the rural churches.

The city members do not wish to make themselves conspicuous by dressing differently from their fellows, so gold-rimmed spectacles and eyeglasses have come into common use among them. Last year the two delegates which the Germantown Church of the Brethren sent to the district conference for Eastern Pennsylvania wore gold-rimmed spectacles. Because of this fact the conference refused to admit them.

The action of the conference incensed the Germantown congregation. The congregation instructed the pastor, Rev. M. C. Swigart, to prepare a paper for the consideration of this year's conference protesting against the ruling. Mr. Swigart drafted a protest, and it received the unanimous sanction of his church.

The District Conference met in Rheems, Lancaster county. Neither of the Germantown delegates wore glasses, and so there was no opposition to their admission. When the opportunity came Mr. Swigart presented his protest and explained the attitude of his congregation.

He particularly urged the conference to be consistent, pointing out the fact that, while it excluded men wearing gold-rimmed glasses, it admitted many delegates who wore gold-filled teeth, and the teeth in some instances contained four or five times as much gold as a pair of spectacles. He did not want gold teeth shut out, but he thought the privileges which their owners had should also be accorded to the owners of gold spectacles.

The opponents of gold-rimmed spectacles had little to say, save to assert that steel frames ought to be good enough for any one, and to quote these two Scriptural passages:

I Peter, iii., : "Whose adorning let it not be the outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing gold, or of putting on of apparel."

I Timothy, ii., 9: "In the manner also that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broidered hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array."

The conference is made up largely of congregations in the German farming districts, and the delegates by an overwhelming vote decided to return the protest of the Germantown congregation without action, which was, in effect, a refusal to recognize the right of men wearing gold-rimmed glasses to seats in the conference.

Rev. Mr. Swigart proposes to appeal to the National Conference. Cincinnati Enquirer, June 17.

NATURAL GAS COMPANY ANSWERS PROTEST AGAINST RAISING PRICE.

Says That It Has Made But 7 1-2 Per Cent. Dividend All Told And That Its Stock Sells For Only \$13 Per Share.

The Central Kentucky Natural Gas Company has answered the letter of the joint committees from Lexington, Mt. Sterling and Winchester protesting against the raising of the price of gas in the three cities. The company explains that in three years and a half they have paid but 7 1/2 per cent. dividends all told and must go to great expense in developing new gas wells. The letter follows:

GAS COMPANY'S LETTER.

Mr. Lucien Beckner, Secretary Winchester Commercial Club, Winchester, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:—Your letter of May 29 has just been received by us.

In increasing the rate at which natural gas is to be sold, notice of which has recently been published in the newspapers in the cities supplied by us, we were so clearly within the rights granted us by our franchisees, that we feel that injustice has been done us by the adverse criticisms which have appeared in some of the newspapers.

When we began business under these franchisees, while there was no provision for any minimum rate, we stated that we would sell gas for the first two years at 25 cents per thousand; this rate continued for about three years and a half. We were aware at the time we organized the company, that it was going to be an unusually costly proposition to bring gas from a field with so slow a natural pressure as that in Menefee county, from whence we draw our supply, for the reason that the natural pressure would not be sufficient to carry the supply required after the consumers began to come on freely, and necessarily we foresaw that this would necessitate the construction and maintenance of a costly compressing station and the constant drilling of new wells, with attendant additions to the field lines. For this reason, we would not have gone into the business unless we had been granted franchises which gave us the right to charge as high as 40 cents per thousand. Our idea in charging 25 cents per thousand for the first two years was for the purpose of introducing the use of gas, and with the feeling that this reduced rate would in a measure compensate those consumers who assisted us by coming onto the lines early, for the expense they would be put to in piping their houses and we feel that we have dealt very fairly and magnanimously with our consumers in continuing this rate for a much longer period than had been thought of in the beginning.

The natural gas business is a hazardous one at best and it is proving more than usually so in Kentucky. There has been drilled in our Menefee county field, 103 wells, 59 of which are gas producers and 44 were dry and worthless. Our field there is confined to a certain area covering about 25 square miles. We have spent a large amount of money in drilling wells in an endeavor to extend the limits of this field, with but indifferent success. Besides these wells in Menefee county, we drilled three wildcat test wells in Wolfe county, all of which were non-productive. Our compressing station in Menefee county has cost a great deal of money, and

although we have 10 large compressors installed there, we have decided to add three more compressors. This, of course, will necessitate the enlarging of the building. We have also concluded to make a great many changes in our field lines, taking up present lines and replacing same with pipe of larger size. With these additional pumps and the larger lines, we expect to be able to take all the gas from the Menefee county field, thus prolonging the supply from that field so long as possible.

During the three years and a half we have been in business, we have paid but 7 1/2 per cent dividends, all told, and we regret to say that it is altogether likely that the large expenditures we are called upon to make in adding to our compressing station and lines, and drilling additional wells this summer, will prevent our declaring any further dividend this year. Although we feel reasonably certain of our present field in Menefee county affording a sufficient supply for our consumers for some years to come, yet it is absolutely necessary for the perpetuation of the business, that other gas pools be discovered, and we will have to accumulate a considerable fund for the purpose of drilling wells in untested territory, with a view to finding a further supply of gas. It may be that these operations will prove so costly that we will eventually have to avail ourselves of the maximum price permitted under the franchise. We trust, however, that both for the sake of ourselves and our consumers, additional gas fields may be developed without unduly heavy expenditures.

With regard to the price at which the stock of the Central Kentucky Natural Gas Company is being held, we would say that a considerable amount has been sold recently at \$13 per share. Two years ago \$20 per share could readily be obtained for it. So that, instead of the stock increasing in value, as you supposed, there has been a marked decrease. This, we take it, reflects the depletion of the field caused by the pull upon it last winter, this depletion being much larger than we had anticipated.

We are making earnest and persistent efforts to conduct the business of the Central Kentucky Natural Gas Company carefully and with the utmost economy, and with a sincere desire to render the best possible service to our consumers, as well as with a care for the interest of those who hold the bonds of the company, and at the same time trust that we may be able to return at least small dividends to our stockholders.

Your letter appears to have been written in a friendly and fair spirit and we have, therefore, endeavored to answer it frankly and in a way to give you a good, general idea as to the situation of the business of the company; we particularly dwell on the field situation, as that is the vital point.

Trusting that you may find our letter entirely satisfactory, and assuring you that we value most highly the good will of the citizens of the cities which we are supplying with natural gas, and

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Yours very truly,

C. Ky. N. Gas Co., Incorporated
By Robert S. Hampton, Treasurer.

NATURE'S WARNING

Mt. Sterling People Must Recognize and Heed It.

Kidney ills come quietly—mysteriously.

But nature always warns you. Notice the kidney secretions.

See if the color is unhealthy—If there are settlements and sediment.

Passages frequent, scanty, painful.

It's time then to use Doan's Kidney Pills.

To ward off Bright's disease or diabetes.

Doan's have done great work in Mt. Sterling.

P. G. Hall, machinist, Maysville and Locust Sts., Mt. Sterling, Ky., says: "I injured my back while doing some heavy lifting and after that whenever I perform any hard work, I felt the effects of that strain. On one occasion my back became very weak and there was a dull ache across my kidneys. While suffering from one of these attacks, I procured Doan's Kidney Pills at F. C. Duerson's drug store and began their use. It was not long before I felt better and they proved of such great benefit to me that I have not been bothered since. I am glad to recommend this remedy to other sufferers."

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Nelson Morris Estate Pays \$184,000 Tax.

The largest inheritance tax ever paid the State of Illinois was remitted to the State Treasurer in settlement of the obligation against the estate of Nelson Morris. The interest dates from the time of the death of Mr. Morris, and with the amount of the tax the total due the State was nearly \$184,000.

The value of the Morris property in Illinois amounted to over \$16,000,000.

Two Others Fail.

Fremont Bennett, Modoc, Ind., says: "I used two other remedies and lost twenty-six out of eighty-five hogs. I then Bourbon Hog Cholera Remedy and it cured my hogs." Sold by W. S. Lloyd.

Wrights Receive Nation's Tribute.

Orville and Wilbur Wright, of Dayton, Ohio, the American brothers aeroplanists, received a tribute of recognition from this country when President Taft, standing in the East Room of the White House, surrounded by the diplomatic representatives of all great nations and men prominent in science and public life, presented to them the medals given by the Aero Club of America in appreciation of their conquest of the air.

It was a big day for the Wrights, but they have been accustomed to big days ever since they have been hobnobbing with Kings and Emperors in Europe.

Miss Catherine Wright, sister of the aeroplanists, accompanied the brothers and was quite as much lionized. After President Taft had congratulated the Wright brothers individually he turned to Miss Wright and said: "And I want to congratulate the most important member of the family."

The medals bear the likenesses of the two brothers and an inscription. They cost \$2,300.

Ask Damages.

Tobias Goins and George Lear, residents of Spencer county, Ind., have filed petitions in the deputy United States Court clerk's office at Owensboro, Ky., asking for \$30,000 damages from seventeen citizens of Muhlenberg county, Ky., on the grounds that they were unlawfully and wrongfully forced to leave their homes in this State.

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Whisky is Subject to Seizure.

Dishonest wholesale liquor dealers who substitute inferior "doctored" whisky in the distillers original warehouse and tax-paid stamps, will hereafter run the risk of seizure of their goods by revenue agents.

"Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is the best remedy for that often fatal disease—croup. Has been used with success in our family for eight years."—Mrs. L. Whiteacre, Buffalo, N. Y. 47-5t.

The Supreme Court of Illinois on June 16 decided that the primary election law was unconstitutional. This is the third primary law which has been declared invalid by the highest tribunal in the State. Try, try again.